

Enumeration of backward classes in new census

3009. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any plan to enumerate backward classes in the new census, 2000; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor enumerating the backward classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter relating to undertaking caste/community-wise (including backward classes) census was examined and it was decided by the Government to continue with the policy not to collect population characteristics by caste/class at the Census of India, 2001.

Implementation status of International Convention Hall

3010. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 510 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd November, 2000 and state the implementation status of the International Convention Hall and the Auditorium Complex at Guwahati for which the foundation stone was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 9th July, 1999 alongwith the Sankardev Kalakshetra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): The scheme of Srimanta Sankaradeva International Hall and the Auditorium Complex at Guwahati is not on the Monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. In accordance with the information available from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (Department of Culture), the Department of Culture had supported the establishment of Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra as a part of the Assam Accord and provided a grant of Rs. 18.85 crores, a Out of Rs. 18.85 crores,